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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Having only two to three national internet carriers is not a short list of choices but a stranglehold on the free flow of information and services. It will basically amount to a monopoly controlled by two to three companies working in conjunction. A lot areas of the U.S. will have only one choice of provider. Which is no choice at all. When consumers have a good selection of internet service options, it helps to motivate providers to keep costs down as well as provide good service.

The internet isn't like cable television. Cable television is non-essential. Having fast, reasonably priced, non-discriminating internet service is now essential for dealing with the ins and outs of living. Submitting resumes, making reservations, making purchases of items not available in your local area, making medical appointments. There are so many ways that the internet has become essential.

And the people who will be hardest hit by any deregulation will be the poor people. Many may no longer be able to afford internet service and will become even more disenfranchised.

We need to return to the regulations that were in place before FCC Chairman Ajit Pai showed he was serving the internet providers and not the American people.

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